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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS  
AMCONSUL NAHA  
CINCPAC HONOLULU  
COGARD  
GOVGUAM  
TREASURY  
XMT AMEMBASSY SUVA  
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SUBJECT: AUGUST 8 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. UN: KOREA, VIET-NAMS

OVER US OPPOSITION, UNSC COUNCIL ON ADMISSIONS APPROVES  
NVN, SVN FOR UN MEMBERSHIP (WP). DOS CONFIRMS US  
WILL VETO VN APPLICATION UNLESS SIMILAR RECOMMENDATION  
FOR SK (CSM).

US STICKS TO DEMAND THAT SK BE ADMITTED TO UN IF NVN, SVN  
SEATED. INSISTANCE IS PART US EFFORT BOLSTER, REASSURE  
SK IN POST-VN WAR SITUATION AND IN FACE RENEWED THREATS  
FROM NK. UN SEAT WOULD BE SOME COMPENSATION FOR FORMULA  
AGREED TO BY US, NOT YET IMPLEMENTED, WHEREBY UNC (BUT  
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NOT US PRESENCE) WOULD BE ALLOWED LAPSE. NK HAS NOT  
PRESSED FOR UN ADMISSION, OPPOSES SK MEMBERSHIP; PRESUMABLY  
STANDS BY PRINCIPLE SINGLE KOREA AND BELIEVES SIMULTANEOUS  
ADMISSION 2 KOREAS AS LONG AS IRRECONCILABLE OPPOSITION

TO EACH OTHER EXISTS WOULD ONLY PERPETUATE DIVISION (CSM).

## 2. KOREA

NK HAS BEGUN EFFORTS REPAY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS DOLS IN OVERDUE TRADE BILLS, BUT TARDY ACTION MAY HAVE COST INTL CREDIT RATING, COULD JEOPARDIZE CURRENT 6-YR PLAN. DEBTS TO W EUR, JAPAN, COMMUNIST COUNTRIES ESTIMATED 700 MILLION-1.7 BILLION DOLS, WITH PERHAPS 200 MILLION ALREADY DELINQUENT TO NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. NK APPARENTLY FIRST SOCIALIST COUNTRY TO FAIL PAY TRADE OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY. TROUBLES BEGAN 1970 WITH EXTENSIVE PURCHASES INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, HEAVY EQUIPMENT IN EFFORT MOVE AHEAD OF SK, FOLLOWED BY DROP IN WORLD PRICES FOR MAIN EXPORT, METALS; POOR MANAGEMENT, LACK OF FAMILIARITY WESTERN BUSINESS PRACTICES ALSO ADDED TO WOES. MAY BELIEVE KIM IL SUNG VISITED CHINA, E EUR AFTER INDOCHINA FALL TO SOVLE ECON PROBLEMS, RATHER THAN SEEK BACKING FOR ACTION AGAINST SK. MAY HAVE GAINED 150 MILLION DOL DEBT REDUCTION FROM PRC; WITH REPORTED 200 MILLION DOL LOAN FROM IRAN, NK HAS PLEDGED PAY JAPANESE CREDITORS (BUTTERFIELD, NYT).

## 3. JAPAN

ARAB REVOLUTIONARY NEWS AGENCY IN TRIPOLI SAYS JAL PLANE CARRYING JAPANESE RED ARMY TERRORISTS LANDED SAFELY BENGHAZI EARLY TODAY. RADIO LIBYA SAID GOL ALLOWED LAND IN RESPONSE GOM, GOJ REQUEST "AS HUMANITARIAN MEASURE" HELP SAVE LIVES (AP, WP, SUN). GOL OFFICIAL SAID NO DECISION MADE YET ON FATE OF TERRORISTS (WP).

FIVE RED ARMY TERRORISTS FREED 15 HOSTAGES UNHARMED AT KUALA LUMPUR THURSDAY, INCLUDING AMCONSUL ROBT STEBBINS, SWEDISH CHARGE BERGENSTRAHLE. TOOK OFF FOR LIBYA WITH FIVE TERRORISTS FLOWN FROM JAPAN, IN JAL DC-8 WITH CREW OF NINE, TWO EACH GOM, GOJ STAND-IN UNCLASSIFIED

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HOSTAGES (NYT SPECIAL; UPI, NYDN).

JET MADE TWO-HOUR REFUELING STOP COLOMBO, AMID UNPRECEDENTED SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. GSL WARNED GUARDS WOULD SHOOT IF PLANE DOORS OPENED (UPI, NYT). YEMEN WITHDREW EARLIER PERMISSION LAND ADEN FOR REFUELING. PILOT TOOK ON ENOUGH FUEL AT COLOMBO FOR NON-STOP FLIGHT TO LIBYA (UPI, PHINQ).

GHAZALI, WHO CONDUCTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR PLANE DEPARTURE FROM KL, TOLD UPI "STALLING TACTICS" OF GOJ OFFICIALS SO INFURIATED HIM HE THREATENED SEIZE PLANE, HAVE MALAYSIAN CREW FLY IT AWAY (WP).

HOSTAGES DESCRIBE TERRORISTS AS "DESPARATE MEN."  
AMCONSUL STEBBINS SAID WERE "PRECISE AND VERY DETERMINED",  
WANTED ONLY FREE COMRADES FROM PRISON IN JAPAN.

WAR MINISTRY OFFICIAL TEGERAN SAID AF ORDER SHOOT DOWN  
TERRORIST PLANE IF INTRUDED IRAN AIR SPACE. ISRAELI OF-  
FICIALS PUT TEL AVIV AIRPORT ON ALERT, IN CASE PLANE TRIED  
LAND, OR INTENTIONALLY CRASH (NYDN, WP). INDIA REFUSED  
ALLOW OVERFLIGHT (UPI, NYDN). (PHOTOS IN ALL PAPERS)

PM MIKI LEFT WASHINGTON THURSDAY FOR NYC (AP, SUN WITH  
PHOTO). CONFIRMED JAPAN INTENDS PAY FOR EXPERIMENTAL  
THEATER AT KENNEDY CENTER AS BICENTENNIEL GIFT, DURING  
NPC LUNCHEON SPEECH (RICHARDS, WSTAR, 8/7).

MIKI, IN SPEECH TO 600 BUSINESS LEADERS AT WALDORF ASTORIA  
DINNER THURSDAY NIGHT, CALLED FOR NEW "FRAMEWORK OF RE-  
GIONAL COOPERATION" IN ASIA, SAID JAPAN WOULD EXPAND ECON  
AID TO DEVELOPING NAITONS IN ASIA. URGED US PARTICIPATE  
IN ASIAN "NATION-BUILDING AND PEACE-BUILDING" (BREASTED,  
NYT; FULLER, JOC).

MAYOR BEAME PRAISED MIKI FOR "STEADFAST BELIEF" PARLIA-  
MENTARY DEMOCRACY, NAMED HIM HONORARY CITIZEN. MIKI DREW  
LAUGHS WITH RESPONSE "PREPARED TO PAY TAXES" IF NOT TOO  
HIGH (REUTER, NY).

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OPPOSITION PARTIES IN TOKYO CRITICIZE MIKI-FORD COMMUNIQUE  
FOR REAFFIRMING US-JAPAN MILITARY ALLIANCE. JSP CHARGES  
SHOWS "COMPLETE LACK OF UNDERSTANDING" OF POST-VN ASIA (WP).

HIROSHIMA CELEBRATES 30TH ANNIVERSARY AUG 6 A-BOMB (PHINQ).

ADM LAROCQUE IN TOKYO SAID THURSDAY US WILL NOT INVOLVE  
SELF IN ANOTHER LAND WAR IN ASIA BECAUSE PEOPLE WILL NOT  
SUPPORT IT, DESPITE TALK OF KOREA BEING DIFFERENT FROM  
INDOCHINA. SAID NUCLEAR DETERRENT MIGHT WORK FOR US, BUT  
NOT OTHER COUNTRIES, BECAUSE US WOULD NOT STRIKE MOSCOW  
TO SAVE TOKYO "AND LOSE WASHINGTON IN THE DEAL" (REUTER, WP).

JAPAN EX-IM BANK SAID THURSDAY GIVING MEXICO INDUSTRIAL  
DEVELOPMENT BANK 22.1 MILLION DOL LOAN TO FINANCE EXPANSION  
MANZANILLO PORT (UPI, JOC).

SOURCES SAID THURSDAY MITI DIRECTED DRAFT PLAN TO REGROUP  
JAPAN'S 1- OIL FIRMS THROUGH MERGERS, TO HELP INDUSTRY  
OVERCOME FINANCIAL CRISIS (CULLISON, JOC).

4. CHINA

CORDDRY (SUN) REPORTS PRC SOUNDING OUT MANILA ON POSSIBLE USE PHIL AIR, NAVAL FACILITIES. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES SUGGEST SUCH INTEREST MERELY ATTEMPTING BEAT SOVIETS TO PUNCH.

FILIPINO OFFICIAL RECENTLY VISITING PEKING SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT "FRIENDLY POWER" SUCH AS PRC SHOULD BE ACCORDED PRIVILEGES RESEMBLING THOSE OF US (IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SHANGHAI RABBINATE'S FORMER EXECUTIVE MAINTAINS FEWER THAN DOZEN JEWS LIVE IN PRC TODAY. RABBI ZEITIN SAYS MOST JEWS MOVED OUT AS COMMUNISTS TOOK OVER IN 1949 (WP).

LIFE-SIZE POTTERY FIGURES EXCAVATED IN PRC THROW NEW LIGHT ON EARLY CHINESE SCULPTURE; EXPECTED FURNISH VALUABLE DATA ON TECHNOLOGY, SOCIETY IN MIDDLE KINGDOM 2,000 YRS AGO (BREEZE, WP).

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#### 5. AUSTRALIA

GOA PLANS ESTABLISH INSURANCE COMPANY DESPITE PROTESTS FROM PRIVATE INSURANCE FIRMS; MAINTAINS CORP WILL COVER AUSTRALIANS AGAINST ALL DISASTERS, INCLUDING CROP LOSSES. OPPONENTS ARGUE GOVT FIRM COULD USE INVESTMENT MUSCLE FOR POLITICAL ENDS, GAINING EVEN MORE POWER OVER TAXPAYER'S MONEY (VICKERS, CSM).

#### 6. MALAYSIA

CSM REPORTS SABAH APPEARS READY DECLARE INDEPENDENCE. RAZAK AT ODDS WITH SABAH'S CHIEF MINISTER MUSTAFA OVER LATTER'S AUTOCRATIC RULE, LAVISH SPENDING. OBSERVERS SAY RAZAK MAY BE FORCED OUST MUSTAFA, BUT TASK WOULD BE DIFFICULT AS MUSTAFA HAS SUPPORT 45,000 PHIL MUSLIM REBELS WITHIN SABAH'S POPULATION.

#### 7. THAILAND

KUKRIT PRAMOJ DENIES 2 THAI DIPLOMATS ARRESTED IN LAOS WERE SPIES; FOREIGN MINISTRY DEMANDED THEIR RELEASE. LAOS ACCUSED DEPUTY MILITARY ATTACHES OF "ESPIONAGE AND SABOTAGE"; VIENTIANE GAVE NO RESPONSE TO THAI DEMANDS (WP, CSM).

THAILAND DECLARES 2 LAOTIAN DIPLOMATS PERSONA NON GRATA; NO STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY ACTION TAKEN, BUT SOME BELIEVE MAY BE IN RETALIATION FOR ARREST IN VIENTIANE OF 2 THAI DIPLOMATS (REUTER).

THOUSANDS OF THAI STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN ANTIGOVT DEMON-

STRATIONS 8/7,BLAMING CURRENT CIVILIAN GOVT FOR FAILING SOLVE MURDERS SEVERAL FARMERS WHO, PROTESTORS SAY, WERE KILLED BY LAND REDISTRIBUTION OPPONENTS (WP, WSJ, CHITRIB, UPI, PHINQ).

8. INDOCHINA

US-SPREAD DEFOLIANTS MAY BE CAUSING EXTENSIVE LIVER CANCER IN NVN, SVN, ACCORDING YALE BIOLOGIST AFTER MONTH-LONG VISIT HANOI. SAYS LIVER CANCER NOW 6 TIMES UNCLASSIFIED

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MORE PREVALENT THAN BEFORE WAR; BUT NVIET SCIENTISTS SO FAR NOT ABLE MAKE DIRECT LINK BETWEEN CHEMICALS, RISING CANCER RATE. BIOLOGIST, SENT BY GROUP THAT SPONSORS SCIENTIFIC AID TO INDOCHINA, STATES NVIETS HAVE NO RESIDUAL HATRED OF AMERICANS, BUT FEEL ENTITLED MASSIVE US AID (SINGLETON, NYDN).

9. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

FED SUBSIDIES OF 1.3 MILLION DOLS WILL AID NEARLY 300 REFUGEE MDS QUALIFY FOR MED PRACTICE IN US (UPI, NYDN; WSJ; GLOBE); ONLY THREE SO FAR LICENSED BY STATES (WSJ; GLOBE). EIGHTEEN VIET REFUGEES RECRUITED FOR RC PRIESTHOOD STUDIES BY NEW ORLEANS ARCHDIOCESE (WP).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. UN

SUN FEELS HATRED BETWEEN NK, SK PROMISES THWART WHATEVER HEALING EFFECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED BY BRINGING NVN, SVN INTO UN. POINTS OUT USSR, PRC DOUBLE STANDARDS IN PUSHING TO ADMIT BOTH VNS, KEEP OUT BOTH KOREAS. HOPES KIM IL SUNG WILL MELLOW SOME WHEN UN FLAG USE BY US FORCES IN SK ENDS. POINTS OUT OCCASIONAL STIRRINGS THAT INDICATE NK MAY DESIRE COMMUNICATION WITH NON-COMMUNIST WORLD. RECOMMENDS US PATIENTLY PURSUE EACH STIRRING THROUGH WHATEVER CONTACTS AVAILABLE (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

11. GENERAL

CSM (8/6) SEES US, USSR TURNING ATTENTION TO ASIA, WITH LATTER MOVING KEEP PRC CONTAINED. RUSSIA KEEPS ALIVE BID FOR ASIAN SECURITY ARRANGEMENT, BUT COUNTRIES THERE SHOW LITTLE ENTHUSIASM FOR COLLECTIVE SECURITY IDEA. NVN PLAYS UP TO USSR, BUT CAREFUL NOT OFFEND PEKING. PRC RESHAPES STRATEGY IN WAKE VN WAR, CULTIVATES TIES WITH THAILAND, MALAYSIA, PHILS; SIGNALS US KEEP STRONG MIL PRESENCE IN AREA. CSM BELIEVES NO LONGER

BILATERAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN US, JAPAN, WITH LATTER  
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RENEWING FOCUS ON SE(URITY ISSUE BECAUSE OF MOUNTING

IMPORTANCE KOREA AS POSSIBLE SOURCE CONFLICT IN REGION.  
CALLS THIS TIME FOR CREATIVE THINKING AS US ADJUSTS  
TO NEW REALITIES. KISSINGER

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